CBI Enquiry Against the Vice-president of ITDC

654. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Director General (Tourism) and Chief Managing Director, ITDC received a letter dated 26th April, 1991 from All India ITDC Employees Union demanding immediate departmental action and CBI inquiry in public interest against one of the Vice-Presidents of ITDC for having indulged in repeated acts of fraud, corruption, misuse of official position etc. for personal gains ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of Government Management on each issues/points mentioned therein ; and

(c) action taken, if any, on each of the points/issues mentioned in the letter under reference till date ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The allegations broadly related to charges of corruption, misappropriation of funds, favouritism etc. Most of the allegations contained in the Memorandum were found vague. Investigations have been/are being carried out by ITDC into specific allegations.

Recruitment in I.T.D.C.

655. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI N. E. BALARAM :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) how far the directives/instructions regarding imposing ban on the new recruitment in Central Government and Public Sector Undertakings offices during January, 1982 to December, 1987 were implemented in his Ministry, DOT and ITDC ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of persons were directly recruited on executive posts in ITDC during the above said period ; and

(c) if so, what are the details of those persons who were appointed on executive posts during January, 1982 to December, 1987 while ignoring the departmental candidates, if any ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The directives/instructions issued by Government from time to time imposing ban/restrictions on new recruitments in Central Government Departments have been implemented in the Department of Tourism and ITDC.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) ITDC Recruitment Rules provide for direct recruitment as well as promotions from within the organisation in specified proportions. While recruiting executives, the claims of departmental candidates were duly considered along with direct recruit applicants.

Role and Responsibilities of Department of Tourism

656. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the role and responsibility assigned to Department of Tourism since 1971-72 onwards ;

(b) in which fields the role of Department of Tourism and the Indian Tourism Development Corporation have been complimentary or of a competitive nature to each other since 1971-72 to December, 1991 ; and

(c) what has been the total spendings/expenditure of Government of India annually on the establishment, maintenance and running of the Department of Tourism Offices during the period mentioned in (b) above in relation to the role, responsibility and specific achievements of the said organisations during the stated period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI M. O. H. FAROOK) : (a) The functions of the Department of Tourism are promotional, developmental and regulatory in nature with the objective of giving a boost to both domestic and international tourism.

(b) The Indian Tourism Development Corporation is the only public sector unit attached to the Ministry of Tourism. While I.T.D.C. is essentially a commercial undertaking, it also plays a pioneering role in promoting new/hitherto unknown tourist destinations in the country. The Department of Tourism's role is to help in building a sound infrastructure for promotion of tourism, widely pubilcise the same and help in marketing the tourism product both in India and overseas.

(c) The total expenditure for the period mentioned in (b) above is approximately Rs. 154.95 crores.

Indian Travellers Avoiding Air India Flights

657. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news items which appeared in Indian Express (Business Express) of the March 31, 1992 captioned "Aviation Notes" ;

(b) if so, how many passengers were bumped off from Indian flights in 1992 due to requisition of wide-bodies jets of Air India till date ;

(c) whether it is a fact that even ethnic Indian travellers are avoiding Air India due to such sudden unavailability and cancellation of flights ; and

(d) whether the Tata Committee referred to this problem in its report ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Only one aircraft is withdrawn for VVIP flights. Advance action is taken to rebook/reprotect passengers on cancelled flights, if any, on first available flights of Air India and its pool partners. During the year 1992, three flights were cancelled and no passengers were bumped off.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Privatisation of Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot

658. SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) wheter there is any proposal under Government's consideration to privatise Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot services ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Presently, there is no such proposal under the consideration of Government.

Recovery of Outstanding Dues by IA

659. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether any special drive has been launched by Indian Airlines to take the airline out of the red especially to meet the losses incurred by enblock grounding of airbus A-320 aircrafts by recovering of outstanding dues and otherwise; and

(b) if so, the details of such steps taken during the year 1991-92 and the outcome thereof indicating the overall profit/loss for 1991-92 and comparative figures for 1990-91 and 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As a result of the vigorous efforts being made by the Indian Airlines to recover all the